ASKS U.S. CONTROL OF ALL MEAT CARS

Trade Commission Sees in **Government Monopoly Relief** From Packer Ownership.

REPORT TO PRESIDENT

Declaring that the step is necessary to control the business of the five largest packing companies, the Federal Trade Commission, in a special report to President Wilson, recommends that operation of refrigerator cars and cars used for transportation of meat animals be declared a goventermonopoly. It recommends further that the property concerned, including icing stations and other facilities as well as the cars, be ac quired by the government, and railroads thereafter be licensed to own and operate them. The big packers, the report says, now own 90 per cent of all the refrigerator equipment in the country suitable for the transport of fresh meat.

The present country-wide system of distribution by the five big packers has grown up from their control of refrigerator car lines in conjunction with various pools," the report says,

Advantages of Federal Control.

"In turn, the volume of traffic of the five packers has enabled them to secure from the railroads advantages over competing shippers. Formerly in the shape of direct rebates, these advantages are now usually in expe-dited service to the big packer cars; in favorable mixing rules, which in-clude all their diversified products the packing industry; by allowances paid to some of the big packers by carriers for a part of the transportation service; by favorable arrangements and lease of stockyards by the railroads to some of the big packers, and by the sale to the railroads of bumping posts mahufactured by a subsidiary of one of the big five.

The small independent packer's cars e misused and diverted, frequently sing out of his service for extended periods, in several instances as long as six months. In 1917 the cars of the 'Big Five' and their subsidiary companies maintained an average of 80.8 miles per car per day, while the average for cars of their competitors, the independent packing companies. independent packing companies, was only 54.5 miles."

Results of Car Operation.

The commission's investigation of the private car ownership has developed the fact that while packers claim losses, the report says, "a proper revision of their car accounts shows the car operation has netted some profit. This amounted to 6.8 per cent in 1912, 3.4 per cent in 1914, and 4.3 per cent in 1917.

Seemed to think that the District committee and the subcommittee on police have sufficient authority to start whatever investigations seem desirable. They agreed that if, after these investigations are started, it develops that more authority is needed they will give the matter prompt consideration.

After the hearing Mr. Gould said The prompt and efficient handling

of the traffic in meats and other per-ishable foods is of great public concern." the report says in making the recommendations. "and it is also important that all shippers should have equal and adequate service. The recommendations are made to correct present inequalities of service and rates as well as to prevent the dan-gers of monopolistic advantages."

Packers' Objections

Outlined by T. E. Wilson

CHICAGO, August 26.-Thomas E. Wilson, chairman of the Institute of American Meat Packers, commented today on ownership of refrigerator cars by packers as follows: "The packers are willing to submit

the justice of the Federal Trade Commission demands in its report on private car lines to the common sense of the American public.

"After an investigation by men inexperienced in transportation questions, the trade commission presented a report diametrically opposed to that handed down by the Interstate Commerce Commission, composed of men trained in railroad work, after a sixyear study of the question. The Inter-state Commerce Commission report

says:
"'An important part of the interstate commerce of the country is transported in privately owned cars. It is to the interest of the owners, carriers and public that their opera-tions should be continued under such rules and regulations as will insure their efficient handling without dissystem of the use and supply of private cars that now exists cannot be at once and radically changed without serious consequences to shippers, carriers and the public.'

There are admittedly too few refrigerator cars. Greater mileage of packer cars was possible because a load was waiting for every car 365

ad the use of the packer-owned cars among shippers over the en-tire country and mileage will be re-duced with a consequent increase in cost of meat foods or a necessary reduction in live animal ould seem that if a real solution is sought, it might be found by some agency building enough additional cars to meet the deficiency.

mals than he can market as meat. If cars are not available his purchasing power is lessened. If railroads of the government should plan to ice the cars at the start, such cars probably could not be loaded the same day, because of delays in switching; thus there would be a waste of ice and time and it still would be necessary to ice again at the point of loading. "Government operation of the rail-roads has not been such as to warrant the public looking with very great equanimity on the suggestion that its food be handled by the same or a similar agency."

FRANCE IN FINAL STAGES OF HUN TREATY ACTION

Premier Clemenceau Presents Pact to the Chamber of Deputies

for Ratification.

PARIS. August 26 .- The French parliament today begins the final stages of its consideration of the peace treaty with Germany. Committees of the chamber and the senate have been examining the document for some time and objections to some

clauses have been voiced. the other conventions simultaneously alias Pablo Wabirski, now imprisoned signed at Versailles were presented in Texas under sentence of death on a for ratification to the chamber of charge of being an enemy spy. All deputies this afternoon by Premier court records relating to the case are lemenceau. He handed the documents to Paul

Deschanel, president of the chamber, at 3:30 o'clock upon the opening of

ITALIAN ADMIRAL FEARS NO WINE FOR HIS CREW WHEN "RUNS OUT" IN U.S.

BOSTON, August 26 .- Admiral Hugo Conz. in expressing appreciation today of the welcome extended the Italian battleship Conte di Cavour and its crew, told Acting Mayor Ford that he had only one cause for concern in connection with his visit to the United States -- prohibition. The daily rat on of the dreadnaught's crew includ-ed a small quantity of light wine, he said, and with the probability of a cruise along the Atlantic coast he faced the pros-

wine stores.

To the admiral's inquiry whether it might be possible to arrange to replenish his stock. the acting mayor suggested that as "medicinal supplies" the wine might be obtained, but they agreed that was out of the question when Admiral Conz said he would need about 30,000 liters (nearly 8.000 gallons) of

pect of exhausting the ship's

WOULD HASTEN PROBE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Messrs. Mapes and Gould Ask Early Consideration of Resolution to Examine D. C. Affairs.

Chairman Mapes of the House District committee and Chairman Gould The ten demands presented by the of the special subcommittee inquiring men last Wednesday morning are into the ways in which the police summarized as follows: the House of the resolution introduced ers. A minimum wage of \$3.20 for ad even many articles not related to by Mr. Mapes giving authority to the women employes. District committee for an investigation into the financial and public service conditions in the District.

Chairman Mapes explained that the immediate particular reason for asking this authority is that the special committee of which Representative Gould is chairman could make a care-ful investigation of the police department. It was pointed out that memers of Congress generally had been importuned regarding a thorough investigation of the police system in the

Representative Gould said he believed this authority was necessary in order committee might get the chairman Campbell of the rules committee and the other members seemed to think that the District com-

After the hearing Mr. Gould said that he would have a conference with Chairman Mapes and with the members of his subcommittee this afternoon, to determine how far it seems desirable to go with an investigation under these conditions.

SOVIETS SEEK TO STIR UP RACE ANTAGONISM IN U. S.

to Commission's Report | Department of Justice Inform Russian Interests Are Supplying Funds for Propaganda.

> Russian soviet interests apparently are supplying funds for a propaganda to stir up race antagonism in the United States, according to information now in the hands of the Depart-

ment of Justice. Officials of the department said to day that charges of an organized propaganda made in the House yesterday by Representative Byrnes, demo-crat. South Carolina, seemed to be well founded. Newspapers, they said, were springing up over the country to

spread the propaganda and sow disc are investigating. Facts thus far developed lead officials to believe that W. W. and soviet influence were at the bottom of the recent race riots i

THE WEATHER.

The District of Columbia and Mary land, fair and continued cool tonight crimination against any shipper or land, fair and continued cool tonight particular description of traffic. The and tomorrow; gentle northwest winds.

Virginia, fair and continued cool tonight and tomorrow; moderate north to northwest winds. West Virginia, fair tonight and to-morrow; not much change in tempera-

Records for Twenty-Four Hours. The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four Thermometer—Yesterday, 4 p.m., 79; p.m., 72; 12 midnight, 63; today, 4 m., 61; 8 a.m., 62. Maximum, 81, at The packer cannot buy more ani-

Maximum, 93; minimum, 70.

Barometer—Yesterday, 4 p.m., 29.77; deemed necessary for the tariffs to s p.m., 29.80; 12 midnight, 29.86; today, include these charges. a.m., 29.84; 8 a.m., 28.86.

Tide Tables. (Compiled by United States coast and

geodetic survey.)
-Low tide, 3:32 a.m. and 3:56 p.m.; high tide, 9:27 a.m. and 9:47 p.m. creation of the public utilities com-Tomorrow—Low tide, 4:19 a.m. and mission and relieving of the Inter-Tomorrow—Low tide, 4:19 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.; high tide, 10:11 a.m. and The Sun and Moon.

Today-Sun rose, 6:30 a.m.; sun sets,

Tomorrow-Sun rises, 6:31 a.m.; sun Moon rises, 7:32 a.m.; sun Moon rises, 7:32 a.m.; sets, 8:02 p.m. Automobile lamps to be lighted one-half hour after sunset.

Up-River Waters. Special Dispatch to The Star.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., August 26.—The Potomac river, was muddy and the Shenandoah very cloudy this

Obscure Point of Law Delays Exe-

SPY'S FATE IN BALANCE.

cution of Luther Witcke in Texas. Consideration of a "most difficult question of law" is delaying final ac-The peace treaty with Germany and tion in the case of Lathar Witcke, before President Wilson. Officials will

AGREE TO DEMANDS OF BROTHERHOOD

W. R. E. Co. Officials Accept Terms, But Wage Raise Depends on More Revenue.

COMMITTEE MET TODAY

The Washington Railway and Electrie Company will agree to all demands of the Brotherhood of Electric Railway Employes, including a 25 per cent increase in wages for all employes, provided sufficient revenue can be obtained to guarantee such action. according to a report of the wage committee of the brotherhood on the conference with officials of the company. The committee met this morning in Society Hall, 5th and G streets. The committee met at 10 o'clock and adjourned shortly before noon. The report was prepared for a meeting of

he brotherhood in the hall tonight. President H. W. Lynn of the brotherhood, declared that he believed his organization would agree to hold up the wage question for further developments in the company's fight for auditional revenue, inasmuch as those changes not affected by increased revenue were promised as soon as

Ten Demands Presented.

department can be strengthened Twenty-five per cent increase for argued today before the House rules all employes of the company and 60 committee for early consideration in cents per hour for trainmen and start-

Elimination of downtown hand-brake stops and inauguration of handbrake stops at the end of respective lines. A 25 per cent additional rate for men operating one-man cars over the

regular schedules. It is the opinion of President Lynn that the members of the brotherho will authorize the committee to wait upon the officials of the company dur-ing the latter part of the week to as-certain at what date definite arrangements for increased compensation may be considered. He estimated that a seven or eight cent fare would be suf-

Challenge Amalgamation. President Lynn also challenged the

Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, Di-vision No. 875, to show cards for the reported membership of 800 W. R. & E. Company men. He claims that at the last payment of dues not more the last payment of dues not more than 200 turned in their assessments to the treasurer of the amalgamated. He declared that his organization could show ten men to every one of the amalgamated, if employes who had been working for the company for more than a year only were counted. The amalgamated also has made separate demands on the company.

The amalgamated also has strength of each is, and other information. The strength of each is, and other information that will be of much assistance in arranging for the two big

The Washington Railway and Electric Company is engaged in prepara tric Company is engaged in prepara-tion of figures which will show ex-actly how much money would be re-quired to meet the demands of employes for additional pay. The figures will probably be available Thursday or Friday.

President W. F. Ham of the W. R. & E. Company declared today that when the figures were prepared the committee from the amalgamated would be called in and the situation thrashed out. It is expected by offi-cials of the company that the de-mands will reach a total of more than

a million dollars per year Seeks Change in Rate Reading. For the purpose of clearing up obcure points in the tariff rates gov transfer charges on subsidiary Electric Company, S. R. Bowen, vice president of the company, today peti-tioned the Interstate Commerce Comission for changes in the reading of on through cars between points in Maryland and points in the District of

The petition affects the lines of the City and Suburban Railway, the Washington and Rockville Railway Company (Rockville division), the Washington and Rockville Railway Company (Forest Glen division) and the Washington Interurban Railroad Company. Mr. Bowen said today that no more money for transfers is asked in the petition from persons coming into the District from Maryland or going from the District, as these persons have for many years had to pay a transfer charge.

Would Relieve Doubt.

"This application is made," the petition reads, "merely for the purpose of relieving some doubt that has arisen as to whether the tariffs now filed are broad enough in form to in-clude all points in the District of Columbia on the lines of the Washing-ton Railway and Electric Company not reached by through cars. For many years it has been the practice 8 p.m., 72; 12 midnight, 12 man, 81, at am, 61; 8 a.m., 62. Maximum, 81, at 2:45 p.m. yesterday; minimum, 60, at 2 a.m. today.

Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 93; minimum, 70.

Maximum, 93; minimum, 70.

10 many years it has been the practice at certain points in the District, on the Washington Railway and Electric Company, to make a transfer charge, but it has never been deemed necessary for the tariffs to

include these charges.

Recently the public utilities commission of the District has passed an order regulating the use of transfers in the District of Columbia making a charge therefor and making no di tinction between intercompany and intracompany. Furthermore, since the state Commerce Commission of all lo cal jurisdiction over street railways in the District, it has not been the practice to report to the Interstate Commerce Commission any changes in rerouting of cars or submission of the matter of schedules, the public util-ities commission having assumed within the District."
"It is a fact that the financial needs

of carriers in the District, including the Washington Railway and Electric company, have been recognized by the War Labor Board and the Public War Labor Board and a two-cent Utilities Commission, and a two-cent transfer charge was granted with a transfer charge was granted with a view to relieving in part at least the needs of the carrier, and this fact it also offered as justification of the charges herein requested."

SENATOR UNDER FIRE FROM CONSTITUENTS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., August 25 -Following publication of an open letter to Senator John K. Shields of Tenessee, on the league of nations, former Attorney General Matt N. Whitaker announced that "in response not discuss the technicalities involved. Whitaker announced that "in response Witake is said to have confessed that to telegrams from various sections of at 3:30 o'clock upon the opening of the session.

On the government bench with the premier were Stephen Pichon, minister of foreign affairs: Louis Nail, the minister of justice: Etlenne Clementel, minister of commerce, and andre Tardieu of the French peace mission.

The assisted in blowing up several munitation plants and stores of explosives, including the Black Tom explosion in the resignation of the senator. Mr. Whitaker charged that Senator Shields was "lending aid and comfort to Senator Lodge in his efforts to discredit the work of President Wilson," and that he was "misrepresenting 50 per cent of the people of Tennessee."

WILL HEAD 1ST DIVISION MEN IN REVIEW AND ENGINEER BLAMED



when it is reviewed in Washington next month, and Brig. Gen. Frank Parker, former commander of the division, who will be in command of one of the infantry brigades. This picture was taken on the day the American army of occupation entered Germany.

women employes. More running time on several lines. More runs paying \$5 per day. Rerouting of cars for public benefit Schedule changes arranging for more straight runs. Weekly pay for barnmen instead of semi-monthly pay. One-half time for swing runs more than an hour. Elimination

Advance Contingent to Arrive in New York Aboard the Steamer Pastorious.

The first troops of the 1st Division. gust 30 on the steamship Pastorious, it was announced at the War Department today.

Twenty Officers in Party. This advance contingent will com-

prise about twenty officers and thirty men, and they will at once begin the work of arranging for the reviews in

demonstrations that will attest Amer-Robert N. Harper, chairman of the was decided today. citizens' welcome committee, and offi- | Chairman La Follette announced cers of the general staff will confer that the committee first would devote tomorrow on plans for housing the its attention to the examination of in-

the big stands in the vicinity of the ings would be held.
White House and State, War and Navy building, which will seat 7,000 persons, will be started as soon as material can be collected and the labor arranged for.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO RETIRE TEACHERS

(Continued from First Page.) men and women to enter the school

room, and to remain there, is to standardize their profession. During the whole history of the public school system the teaching profession has been the stepping-stone to some more

remunerative calling." Advocated Bill's Passage.

Representative Raker of California the bill as a safeguard to the "ris-ing American citizenship." He said: "There are some thirty-six states in

Different in Teachers' Case.

"It is entirely different, however, in the case of the school teacher. The ferent. There is no occupation in life today where the man or woman must maintain, from the beginning to the end of the work, a supercharacter such as that which the school teacher should and must maintain.

"The public demand it. The state when a teacher by reason of age has lost that virility and vitality which jurisdiction over all questions of re- are necessary, your child and nine routing and making of schedules should not be compelled to be under the supervision and tuition of that teacher. Not only does he do an injustice to the public and to himself but he does an injustice to the rising.

Numerous other members spoke strongly in favor of the bill, including Representatives Caldwell of New York, Small of North Carolina, Blan-ton of Texas, Bee of Texas, Towner, of Iowa, Gallagher of Illinois, Wheel-er of Illinois, Dyer of Missouri and Sears of Florida.

The principal speeches in opposition

The principal speeches in opposition were made by Representatives Johnson and Thomas of Kentucky, Cannon of Illinois and Garrett of Tennessee. HONDURAN REVOLT ENDED.

Minister of Government Grants Amnesty to Revolutionists. SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, August 25 .- The revolution in

BRISK BIDDING IN COURT FOR SQUARE OF GROUND

Justice Hitz Indicates Approval of Offer Which Nets \$4,000 to

lying between 16th and 17th, Webster and Allison streets northwest. William E. Edmonston and William W. Mathewson, trustees of the court, rewhich will be given a grand review ported a sale of the property to time of the wreck. in Washington within about three Charles E. Wire, Inc., for \$75,000 and weeks, will arrive in New York Au- asked for instructions from the court, Attorney G. Percy McGlue appeared in court and made a bid of \$77,500 for the property. Justice Hitz then gave the original bidder a chance to increase his offer, which was done, Mr. Wire offering \$78,000. Mr. McGlue countered with a bid of \$78,500 and Mr. Wire raised him to \$79,000.

As no higher offer was made the court intimated that sale at that figure would be approved.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE IN PRINT PAPER INQUIRY

Investigation of the print paper sit. committee of the Senate manufac ica's appreciation for the service tures committee, with Senator La Fol-rendered by the American expeditionlette of Wisconsin as chairman, it

division here and discuss other plans formation secured by the Federal for the big demonstration. Work on Trade Commission, after which hear-

MEN UNACCOUNTED FOR

Only two men of the thousands of the American expeditionary force who They were picked yesterday. Sales went into battle against the Germans remain unaccounted for, according to streets, 5 to 8 o'clock tonight. a casualty list issued today by the War Department. The previous list showed more than 100 missing in Total casualties now are placed at 291,32, with 77,422 deaths from all

EXPECTS TO CURB RENT PROFITEERING BY OCT. 1

Legislation to curb profiteering in "There are some thirty-six states in the Union now where teachers are pensioned. There is no occupation in the world today that needs and deserves rightfully a pension so much as that of schoolteaching. There is more need, there is more justice in giving the school teachers a pension than giving a pension to any other people that perform public functions. Those in the various departments of the government after having arrived at a certain age, where they are no longer able to perform efficient work for the government, if you do not retire them upon a pension, no harm is done, except an expenditure of money, if you will allow them to rest in an easy rocking chair the rest of their lives, as long as they remain in the government service.

Legislation to curb profiteering in rents in Washington will be put through before October 1, if possible, according to Senator Ball, chairman of the subcommittee now investigating profiteering in Washington. He said that as soon as his subcommittee completes its hearings on the rent question, it would begin immediately drafting a bill to meet the situation. He said that he regarded this legislation to curb profiteering in washington will be put through before October 1, if possible, according to Senator Ball, chairman of the subcommittee now investigating profiteering in Washington. He said that as soon as his subcommittee completes its hearings on the rent question, it would begin immediately drafting a bill to meet the situation.

This afternoon the committee is hearing of the increases who are complaining of the increases in rents. After the committee has completed its hearing of the tenants of their lives, as long as they remain in the government service. rents in Washington will be put

F. J. ZEGOWITZ DIES.

Rainier—Funeral Thursday.

Frederick J. Zegowitz of 612 Q

treet, for several years employed by

Frederick J. Zegowitz of 612 Q

permanent basis of wage adjustment, although it is recognized that if the efforts of the government to bring the higher costs of living school teacher's status is entirely dif- Taken Ill While Walking in Mount

street, for several years employed by Frank Geier's Sons, undertakers, died suddenly last night. He became ill railroad wages should be readjusted while walking in Mount Rainier and died before medical assistance reaching. He was fifty-four years old demands it, as it is entitled to; and died before medical assistance reached him. He was fifty-four years old and is survived by a wife and several Funeral services will be held Thurs-

lay morning at 9 o'clock, at his home, thence to St. Mary's Church. Interment will be in St. Mary's ceme-GAS MASK LIMITATIONS.

Prospective Buyers Warned That

Device Will Not Always Protect. In announcing that a large surplus of new army gas masks is for sale to the public at a fixed price of \$5 each, the director of chemical warfare service states specifically that these masks, while, adapted to general commercial wine, adapted to general commercial use, "will not give protection against mine gases or in any other atmosphere containing carbon monoxide, and will afford slight protection, if any, against ammonia fumes."

Will Greet Gorgas' Party. GUAYAQUIL, Monday, August 25 .-

IN WRECK REPORT

Preliminary Statement Regional Director Puts Onus on R. Townsend.

'FAILED TO SEE SIGNAL"

Ralph Townsend of Camden. N. J.

he injured engineer of the tenth section, which crashed into the ninth section of an excursion train running rom Washington to Atlantic City, near Elwood, N. J., early Sunday norning, is blamed for the wreck, which resulted in the death of one Washington man and the injury of ighteen others, by Regional Director Markham in a preliminary report sent to the railroad administration today. Failure of Townsend to see a cauwhere his train crashed into the ninth section led up to failure to observe the stop signal 2.200 feet from the place of the accident, the report states.
"For this reason, he did not reduce the speed until he saw the red flare, when he lowered speed from forty to ifteen miles an hour," the statement says. "The wreck was the result of the engineer missing or failing to ob-serve the caution signal 5,000 feet below. If seen by the engineman, it would indicate to him that the next signal was to stop in position. The failure to see signal in caution positions resulted in his not reducing speed and being prepared to stop at the next signal. He did not see the feet north until he was upon it and, having no warning of its indication by reason of his failure to see the signal north, he did not have time to bring his train to a stop to prevent the accident."

Will Impanel a Jury.

Coroner Cunningham was in Atlantic City yesterday and will impanel a jury today. He announced that the inquest will not be held on Thursday, as at first set, but will be delayed for a week or ten days. This postponement was declared necessary to gather all the facts.

the Owners.

The facts.

Injured Return to Homes. The majority of the injured have returned to their homes in Washington, only Townsend and George Seitz, 1252 Maryland avenue northeast, remaining

in Atlantic City. Seitz is suffering from contusions of the hip.

C. S. Lake, assistant director of the division of operations, has been sent to Atlantic City to interview Engineer Townsend and to investigate charges made of inconveniences to passengers on Townsend and to investigate charges made of inconveniences to passengers on section nine of the excursion. It has been charged by passengers that no lights were on the train and proper provision for drinking water had not been made.

CANTALOUPES TO SELL AT FIVE AND SIX CENTS

D. C. Community Centers Arrange Sale Throughout City Today and Tomorrow. Washington's community centers

will stage a big cantaloupe sale this afternoon and tomorrow. The melons will sell at 5 and 6 cents, according to Wilson T. Kenner of the Park View community store, who ordered them from W. E. Herlock, an Eastern Shore

brought in the melons this morning Petworth, 8th and Shepherd, 9 a.m. Petworth, still and Shepheld, but to 1 p.m. tomorrow.
Wilson Normal, 11th and Harvard, after 1 o'clock today.
Eastern High, 8th and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 to 10 to-

Tyler, 11th and G southeast, 7 to 10 omorrow night. Phillips, N between 27th and 28th, 5 tonight.
I'unlar, 1st and N, 7 to 10 tonight
Lovejoy, 12th and C northeast, 5 to less than in 1917. Powell, Hiatt and Lamont, 7 to 10

SHOPMEN REJECT PRESIDENT'S PLAN IN WAGE DISPUTE

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wage earners as well as all other Americans.

"The position of the government is that in view of its campaign to reduce the cost of living, and of the strong prospects that substantial relief will be achieved, it is not proper now to make general increases in wages on the assumption that the present cost of living will be permanent and that pending the efforts of

Prompt Consideration. "The President has also made it

clear, however, that the railroad administration is not precluded from giving prompt and careful consideration to any claims that may be made tion to any claims that may be made by the various classes of employes for readjustments believed to be proper to secure impartial treatment for all railroad employes.

"I therefore request that you take up promptly the claims which have already been presented and those which are to be presented by any classes of railroad employes to the effect that either for their classes as a whole or for any subdivisions of those classes readjustments ought to be made in order to make sure that equal treatment is done on the basis of the general principles of wage adequal treatment is done on the basis of the general principles of wage adjustment which the railroad administration has already established. "It has been our constant endeavor since the first wage adjustments were made by the railroad administration to deal fairly and impartially with all classes of railroad employes. The situation is so complex that absolute perfection in this regard is unattainable. Nevertheless, our experience up to the present time may in all meab-

COURT CLERK APPOINTED

dria county, this afternoon was appointed clerk of the court for Alexandria county to fill the vacancy

caused by the death of George H. Rucker The appointment of Mr. Prosise was made by Judge Samuel G. Brent, judge of the court for the sixteenth

udicial circuit. Mr. Prosise, since June 1, has been deputy clerk to Mr. Rucker. He will be a candidate for the office in the general election, which will be held in November.

lovember. Mr. Prosise served in the Army and eccived twenty-two wounds in battle.

AMERICANS IN BERLIN FIND HUNS OPTIMISTIC

BERLIN, August 25.-A party of merican business men which has reurned to Berlin after a tour of Germany eports a distinct note of optimism preailing among the Germans they met over the prospects of an early economic revival for the country. The Americans themselves, who are representatives of varied interests engaged in a post-war inventory of the buying and selling capacity of Germany, expressed the belief that the country was fully able to satisfy the reasonable demands of credit secur-

As to the wave of social unrest which has been paralyzing the pro-ductive activities of the nation since the outbreak of the revolution last year, the trend of opinion among the Americans, as they expressed it, was that when the food situation was once definitely past the critical stage and the raw materials needed had been secured there would be a sub-sidence of this disturbing influence. They pointed to the coal situation, however, as the one factor which might tend to retard the movement toward a general industrial revival.

GIVES MURDER SUSPECT TO MARYLAND OFFICIALS

Justice Hitz Turns Over Man Arrested Here in Connection With Killing of George Peter.

onnection with the murder of George Peter of Jericho Park, Md. ten days ago, was turned over to the Maryland authorities by Justice Hitz in the District Supreme Court today.

George Cummings, arrested here in

It is understood Cummings will be taken directly to Baltimore and held in jail there until the date of his trial is set.

were picking grapes near the Peter farm. One of the men, who, he says, is employed as a track walker on the Pennsylvania railroad, borrowed Cummings' hat and left the group. Shortly thereafter the prisoner said he heard the shots, and when the man rejoined them he displayed a pistol to Cummings.

Cummings.
Before surrendering the prisoner to Sheriff Garrison, Justice Hitz exacted a promise from the state officer that Cummings would be taken to Baltinore and there held awaiting trial.

IN PACKER HEARING Explains Profits Made by Swift &

Co., 1918 and 1917, With and

Without Federal Tax.

L. D. H. WELD RECALLED

L. H. D. Weld, representative of Swift & Co., was recalled before the Senate agriculture committee today in the hearing on proposed legislation regulating the packing industry, while Randall. 1st and I southwest 7 to 10 his assertion yesterday that profits of the five large packers in 1918 were

> "Mr. Swift, head of your company, has said that you made more in 1918 under food administration regulation," said Chairman Gronna, reading fro records of previous investigations be fore the committee. "What is the "Swift & Co. made \$33,000,000 in 1918," the witness said, "and \$47,000,

00 in 1917, before federal taxation **VICE PRESIDENT'S HUMOR** INSPIRED BY PEACH GIFT

Wilbur H. Thomas of Martinsburg, W. Va., grows some fine peaches in his orchard. One of the finest of this year's crop Mr. Thomas sent by Senator Sutherland to Vice President Marshall. Acknowledging the peach, the Vice President wrote:
"Senator Sutherland has handed me your peach of a peach. I assume that you sent it to me in the hope that when I ate it it would turn me into a peach of a Vice President."

AUTOIST IS RELEASED.

Court Dismisses W. C. Aylor, Held in Hudspeth Accident.

William C. Aylor of Bristol, Va. who, while operating an automobile, is alleged to have collided with and

D. C. RIFLE EXPERTS SHINE.

Messrs. Stokes and Morris Among Leaders at Caldwell. Two members of the District of Co-

umbia civilian rifle team, Walter R. Stokes and Robert M. Morris, are well vador, August 25.—The revolution in Honduras has been put down, according to advices received here from official sources in that country.

The minister of government of Honduras has sent a circular letter to the heads of the different departmental governments granting amnesty to all morrow. A reception for Gen. Gorgas former surpose promptly in correct these into to return to their homes.

GUAYAQUIL, Monday, August 25.—

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FOR ALEXANDRIA COUNTY CRIPPLED AVIATOR LEADS IN BIG RACE

Col. Barker, a Canadian Ace, Carried Premier's Letter to President.

RETURNING TO TORONTO

MINEOLA, N. Y., August 26 .- Ool William C. Barker, the Canadian ace. arrived here from Albany at 9:20 o'clock this morning, completing the first half of the air race from Toronto to New York and return. His machine, a captured German Fokker model, carried a bag of Canadian mail, which was immediately transferred to another airplane and start-

ed for Washington. Five airplanes which were unable to start from the local field vesterday got away just before Col, Barker arrived. Philip Melville, piloting a Caproni plane, took off at 8:50 o'clock, and was followed by Lieut. Roulette. Lieut. F. Honsignor, Capt. C. H. Rey-nolds and Lieut. Ross Kirkpatrick, all piloting De Haviland four ma-

Flies Without Compass.

Col. Barker made the trip from Albany in one hour and twenty minutes. Because of his inability to use his left hand, which was disabled in an left hand, which was disabled in an aerial engagement overseas, Col. Barker was unable to use a compass, and was forced to commit to memory the route of the flight. In addition to a bag of mail, he carried a letter from Premier Borden of Canada to President Wilson.

Sergt. C. B. Combs, the first flier to reach here from Toronto last night, started on the return trip at 9:31 o'clock. Bert. Acosta arrived here from Albany at 9:11 a.m. and started on the return trip at 10 o'clock.

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Several airplanes were reported to
have landed at various points in
New York state because of engine
trouble and other difficulties. Three trouble and other difficulties. Three machines were seriously damaged in making landings at Albany and were definitely put out of the race for international aerial honors.

Sergt. C. B. Coombs, an American aviator; Roland Rohlfs and Maj. R. N. Schroeder, who successfully negotiated the flight from Toronto to Roosevelt Field, prepared early today for the return flight. Sergt. Coombs was the first to arrive, landing at 7:11 o'clock, six hours and eleven minutes from the time he started. He was followed at intervals of seven and four minutes, respectively, by Rohlfs and Maj. Schroeder. Their machines were given a thorough overhauling during the night.

Field Brightly Illuminated.

Roosevelt Field was brilliantly illuminated throughout the night, with searchlights playing through the sky in the expectation that some of the Toronto starters might arrive. Every precaution was taken to insure a safe landing and provisions made for reception of any night flyer.

Aviation experts and officers in charge of the race said that while flying conditions were poor because of in jail there until the date of his trial is set.

Cummings left the custody of the Washington police still protesting his innocence.

John E. Luers and Russell Grant testified at the requisition hearing to seeing Cummings near the scene of the tragedy. Cummings admitted that he was in the vicinity of Jericho Park at the time and that he heard the shooting. He said he had been drinking with two other colored men who were picking grapes near the Peter in conditions were poor because of the watcher this situation afforded an unusual opportunity for testing the merits of the various machines and the pilots. Reliability in air travel, they said, was being put to a severe test, and under the conditions was proving a greater consideration than speed.

TORONTO, August 26.—Lieut. M. J. Plumb, who left Roosevelt Field, Mineola, at 3:12 p.m. yesterday, arrived here at 11:27 a.m. He was the first

here at 11:27 a.m. He was the first of the aviators starting from New York in the international air race to finish the first leg.

Reports Along Route.

ALBANY, N. Y., August 26 .- Thirteen machines had resumed the inter-national aerial derby between New York and Toronto from the landing field here before 9 a.m. today. By 10:30 one aviator had arrived from Syracuse and five from Mineola. Two of the aviators who left Toronto yesterday arrived here, home-ward bound today. Maj. Schroeder reached Albany at 11:02 and Sergt. Coombs landed at 11:09.

BUFFALO, N. Y.. August 26.—Pilot Plumb, flying a DH-4, led the west-bound aviators in the New York-Toronto flight, arriving at Curtiss Field this morning at 10:17 o'clock. He left Syracuse at 8:41 a.m.
Capt. Simonin arrived at 10:23 a.m. from Syracuse on his way to Toronto. Plumb left for Toronto at 10:45 and was followed two minutes later by

was followed two minutes later by Capt. Simonin. JOHN C. NEWMAN DEAD.

Lifelong Resident of D. C. Was 37 Years in Bureau of Engraving. John C. Newman of 1349 Park road, died last Sunday at the age of fiftysix years. He was buried today in

Rock Creek cemetery. Mr. Newman was a life long resident of this city and had been thirty-seven years in the service of the bureau of engraving and printing. He was an expert steel plate transferrer. He was

court, who died Sunday night at his home, at Clarendon, Alexandria county, were held at 11 o'clock this morning at E. L. Allen officiated. Burial, with Masonic honors was made in Ivy Hill cemetery, Alexandria.

The honorary pallbearers were Judge S. G. Brent, George E. Warfield, Taylor Burke, this city; Thomas R. Keith, Fairfax; M. E. Church, Falls Church; J. E. Ashford, Washington; R. P. Hough, H. the Baptist Church at Clarendon. Rev.

Iax; M. E. Church, Falls Church; J. E. Ashford, Washington; R. P. Hough, H. R. Thomas, Alexandria county. Active pallbearers were Judge W. C. Gloth, Howard W. Field, A. D. Torreyson, C. C. Carlin, William C. Wibirt and Col, William C. Shelley. WOMEN SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Motor Cycle Knocks Down Miss Porter; Mrs. Sturgis Hurt in Auto. While crossing at 13th street and Pennsylvania avenue yesterday, Miss Jessie Porter, thirty-seven years old, of 2949 Mills avenue, Langdon, was knocked down by a motor cycle. She was treated for contusions of the head and shoulders.

Mrs. C. P. Sturgis of 581 2d street northeast was slightly hurt when an automobile in which she was riding and another machine owned and operated. ated by F. E. Langdon of Brentwood Md., collided at 2d and E streets northeast yesterday.

Two Fires Cause Small Damage. Fire started at 9 o'clock this morn-

a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 33, F. A. A. M. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Alice and Ruth Newman. FUNERAL OF G. H. RUCKER. Held Today at Clarendon, With Masonic Rites at Burial. Funeral services for George H. Rucker. ho was clerk of the Alexandria county